EXPORT QUOTA OF COTTON IN A.P.

2699. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Central Government to increase the States export quota of cotton;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) to (c) Requests for release of export quota are received at the beginning of every cotton season from various federations and export agencies of cotton growing states nclud'ng A. P. while releasing quota tor export amongst different federations and CCI, the Government keeps in view their capacity and the need to extend buying support to different varieties of cotton according to fluctuat'ons of pr:ces.

During the current cotton season, 4 lakh bales of staple cotton was released for export.

Allocations amongst CCI and other Federations is as follows :

(Qty. in lakh bales)

1. Cotton Corporation of India	1.20
2. Maharashtra Federation	0.50
3. Gujarat Federation	0.40
4. Andhra Federation	0.10
5. A.P. Girijan Federation	0.05
6. Punjab Spinfed	0.50
7. Punjab Markfed	0.30
8. Haryana Federation	0.25
9. Rajasthan Federation	0.20
10. NAFED	0.50

RAW MATERIAL BANKS

2700. SHRI RAM SINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set up raw material Banks to save tribal people engaged in silk-industry from explo'tation;

(b) if so, what are the State-wise details of such Banks set up during the last three years; and

(c) the extent and manner in which these Banks have provided assistance to the tribal people ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) While no new Raw Material Bank has been established by the Central Silk Board during the last three years, one purchase centre at Muluk (West Bengal) and one sub-depot at Guwahati (Assam) have been set up during the year 1993

under the existing Raw Material Banks of the Board for tasar and muga, functioning at Chaibasa (Bihar) and Sibsagar (Assam) respectively.

(c) Raw Material Bank at Chaibasa mainly procures tasar cocoons directly from tribal rearers in different weekly markets of tribal areas offering a fair economic price. The quantity and value of tasar cocoons procured during the last 3 years are as under :—

Year	Qty. in Kahans*	Value in Lakh Rs.
1990-91	2696	5.94
1991-92	2857	5.20
1992-93	4769	14.09

*1 Kahan-1280 cocoons

The Raw Material Bank for muga procures muga cocoons door to door from the rearers of muga producing villages/ tribal areas of Assam, offering a fair economic price to them. The quantity and value of muga cocoons procured during the last 3 years are as under :—

Year	Qty. in lakh nos.	Value in lakh Rs.
1990-91	1.58	0.66
1991-92	9.33	3.11
1992-93	22.13	8.43

FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS BY TEXTILE EXPORTS

2701. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what are the total foreign exchange earnings from textiles during years 1990-1991, 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to further boost the export of textile goods to foreign countries;

(c) which countries are the major buyers of Indian Textiles in International Market;

(d) whether it is a fact that acceptance of Dunkel's proposal will be suicidal to our textile exports; and

(e) if so, whether Government have contemplated the ways and means to prevent the onslaught of depression in Indian textile industry in future ?